[Mr. K. George.]

(*h*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*g*).

(*i*) No.

(*j*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*i*) above.

Overpayment of Tiruppuvaram in Neyyattinkara.

310. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the *Tiruppuvaram* overpayment case in the Neyyattinkara taluk will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the punishment meted out to those who were found responsible for the same; and

(*b*) the means, if any, by which they propose to realise the amount?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The following subordinates found responsible have been punished :—

Name.	*Nature of punishment.*
1. P. K. Ramaswamy Aiyar, Head Clerk, Neyyatttinkara Taluk.	Degradation as clerk on Rs. 25-40 for one year.
2. Venkitachalam Aiyar, Ag. Head Clerk, Neyyattinkara Taluk, now clerk on Rs. 25-40.	Suspension for one year.
3. Thandu Aiyar, Clerk, Neyyattinkara Taluk.	Suspension for 6 months.
4. S. Aiyappan Pillai, do.	do.
5. A. Narayana Pillai, Provertikar, Nemam.	Degradation as Accountant for 6 months.
6. K. Narayana Pillai, Provertikar, Vilappil.	do.
7. Accountant, Vilappil pakuti.	Suspension for 3 months.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the member whether the Tahsildar was also found responsible?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is under consideration?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner, who made an enquiry into the matter, made any recommendations about the Tahsildar?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue Commissioner has sent in a report to the Government. It is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know the nature of the recommendations so far as the Tahsildar was concerned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Not at this stage.

MR N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether, as matters stand, the Government consider that they would be able to realise the amount without having recourse to a court of law?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : They hope so.

Appointment of Boiler Inspectors.

311. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present (3-12-1104) Boiler Inspectors in the State have any special qualifications for holding the posts, and, if so, what they are ;

(*b*) whether there are any persons in the State service who are specially qualified for holding the Boiler Inspector's place ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, why they were not preferred to the present incumbents ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. The Chief Boiler Inspector is a B.E. of the Madras University in Mechanical Engineering. The Boiler Inspector also possesses the same qualification.

(*b*) The Government are not aware.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), the question does not arise.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Am I to understand that there is no person employed in the State service who is specially qualified in the boiler branch ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Governmeut*) ; That is so.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there no body ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Nobody, except the men who are there now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) ; My question is whether there is anybody else except the men who are now employed in the Boiler branch ; for example, there is a man who has passed the Boiler test examination?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is a man who possesses a competency certificate which is no qualification equal to the qualification possessed by the men already doing that work.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) ; Am I to understand that the man who has a competency certificate in Boiler matters is inferior to the one who has passed the Mechanical Engineering Examination ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Governmen* ; Yes ; he is.

The Soldiers' Committee.

312. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : (1) Are the Government aware that Soldiers' Boards organised by the British Indian Government in the various provinces of British India after the late war to help ex-war-service men in the matter of getting *puduval* lands, employment, etc., are still in existence, continuing their activities ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Soldiers' Committee constituted to deal with the claims and needs of ex-war-service men of this State is now (4-12-1104) in existence ;

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